



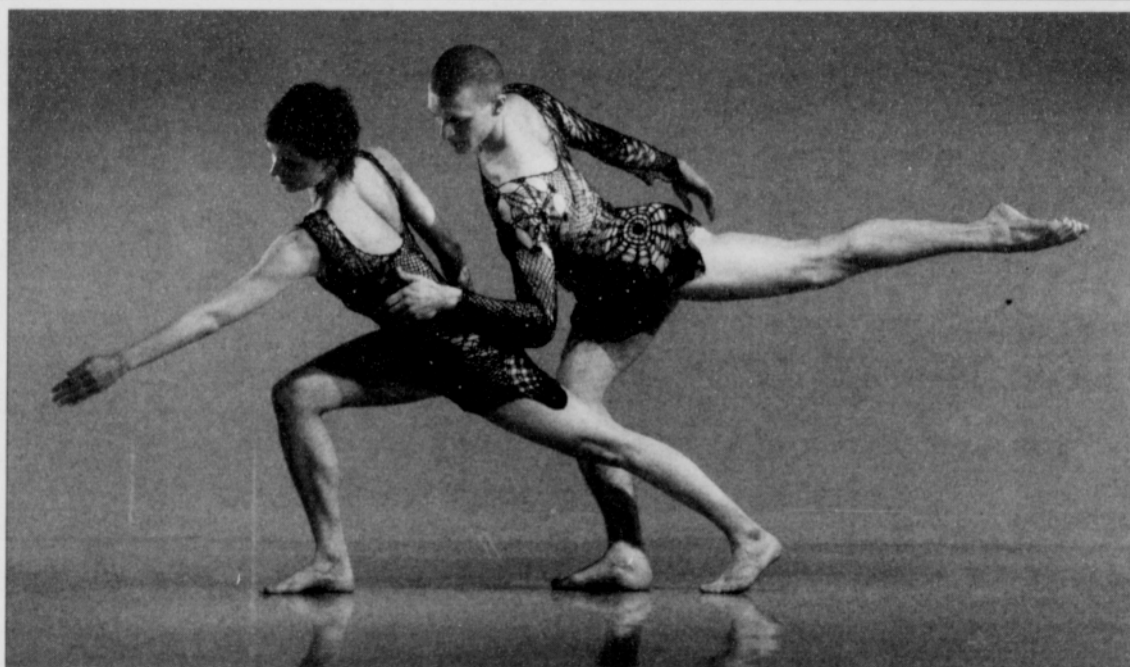
Dazzling musical dance choreography is the trademark of the Richard Alston Dance Company.

Breathtaking, Flawless Dance

White Bird presents the Portland debut of one of Great Britain's most celebrated contemporary dance groups, the Richard Alston Dance Company.

Alston's dazzling quick-fire choreography responds to the intricacies of music, ranging from Monteverdi to Ravel to entrancing gypsy music from Eastern Europe.

The spectacle will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 1 starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Arlene Schitzer. Tickets are \$19-43 plus service fee. For more information call 503-790-2787 or visit tickemaster.com.



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B.B. King Going Strong at 80

(AP)—While other 80-year-olds might dust off their rockers, blues dynamo B.B. King will be rocking and rolling when he launches what he says will be his final world tour later this year.

King will begin an international "Farewell Tour" in March, part of a domestic tour that starts Feb. 16 in Chicago.

King said he will continue to make U.S. concert appearances after the tour.

"I hardly remember I'm 80 unless I have to run up a hill or stairs," the singer and guitarist said. "As long as people buy my records and come to my concerts, I don't see anything else I'd like



Blues guitarist B.B. King performs Jan. 5 in Lowell, Mass.

to do."

In September, the musician released a birthday album, "B.B. King & Friends - 80," featuring Eric Clapton, Elton John, Sheryl Crow.

"I think the clock is ticking, yes," King said. "In fact, I know it is. Frank Sinatra sang about the September of (his) years. I think I'm in the November of my years."